consideration and reiurn of the Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2004 as passed by the Lok Sabha."

The motion was adopted.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Social Security Schemes under EPFO

*441. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had designated the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) as the nodal agency for administering social security schemes in the country; and

(b) whether the EPFO, as a nodal agency, has been authorised to issue National Social Security Numbers to the workers covered under various social security schemes?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Services for accident victims on highways

*442. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NHAI Project office in Rajahmundry has received offers of help from NGOs and others to attend on accident victims and also provide First Aid, etc. on major Highways like NH-5.

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any action has been initiated in this matter;

(c) whether it is a fact that the NHAI has not reacted to such offers; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken to immediately attend to such offers?